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### VIA ECF

The Honorable Steven C. Mannion, U.S.M.J.  
King Building & U.S. Courthouse  
50 Walnut St., P.O. Box 999  
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**Re: Montvale Surgical Center v. Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey  
Docket No. 12-2539 & 12-6867**

Dear Judge Mannion:

Please be advised that this firm represents Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey ("Horizon") in the above captioned matters. Currently pending before Your Honor on June 13, 2013 is a settlement conference for both of these matters.

This letter is to serve as a request that Horizon's representative be allowed to appear via telephone for the settlement conference on June 13, 2013. The internal Horizon representative assigned the Montvale matters (there are currently sixteen (16) Montvale v. Horizon matters pending in Federal Court, with an additional ten (10) in State Court) has recently left the company. As such, these matters have been reassigned to another internal Horizon representative. Unfortunately, this representative has a scheduling conflict that day which makes appearing in Newark extremely difficult. As such, it is respectfully requested that this representative be allowed to appear via telephone. Furthermore, should Your Honor grant this request, Horizon will ensure that counsel appearing in person is vested with full settlement authority, and that the Horizon representative is available should any additional developments arise.

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As always, we are available to answer any questions Your Honor or Your Honor's staff may have on this matter. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Matthew Baker

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cc: Andrew Bronsnick, Esq. (Via CM/ECF)